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Rockin' around the Christmas tree

Mathew Wilbee, left, and A.J. Gillam rocked things up at a Christmas assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Dec. 23. All the school's classes participated. See more photos on page 17.

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Swan song for Li'l Chick Inn

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A building where for decades vacationing families on their way to the cottage stopped to dine

will be demolished in the very near future.

The Li'l Chick Inn was built in 1946 by Fred Oland, a cottage country entrepreneur who also built the adjacent Clansman Motel, north of Carnarvon off Highway 35.

The family-style restaurant would offer up

meals to tourists and locals alike for more than 30 years before Ann and Don Barker converted the building into a home in 1981.

The couple bought the restaurant, now rec-

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A new home will take its place

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ognizable as the large, yellow building on the bend near Matabanick Road, when they moved to the Highlands from Toronto's Willowdale neighbourhood in 1974.

They kept the name, which had been in place since the eatery was originally opened by Oland nearly 30 years before.

"It was always called that," Ann said, seated in her kitchen earlier this month, explaining the restaurant had changed hands a few times between Oland and her and Don.

"The agreement was no restaurant," she continued. "The idea when we bought the place was yes, it could be turned into a house."

However, Ann would still run the Li'l Chick Inn for five years while Don got a job with a local fuel company before going on to start his own heating and cooling business.

The Barkers and their three children took up residence in the small living quarters at the back of the restaurant and the 19-by-19-foot cabin on the property.

Ann said the layout of the building that was once the restaurant hasn't changed much.

"It's much the same as it was, except a few partitions," she said, looking around her spacious kitchen.

The long dining room that occupied the front of the building and held "50-odd people," has been divided into two living areas and an entranceway and its long bar removed.

The kitchen is still similar in setup, she said, minus the removal of the large grill that was taken to the snack booth at the Stanhope Airport.

The restaurant always had quite a connection to the former township of Stanhope, particularly its fire department, said Ann, who sat as a councillor in Stanhope.

One of the departments' five emergency phones was kept at the restaurant and Ann recalls preparing meals for



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Don and Ann Barker stand outside their home, which for decades was the Li'l Chick Inn restaurant. The couple is tearing the water-damaged building down as they build a new home on the property. (The sign pictured has incorrect punctuation.)

department members after particularly long calls.

She remembered once a grandmother and her grandchildren were killed in a road collapse at Big Hawk Lake and that the firefighters had searched tirelessly through the day and night until they located the bodies.

"They hadn't eaten properly in two days," she said, explaining she'd fixed them a steak dinner. "A lot happened in this place."

In a brave experiment for Haliburton County at the time, Ann said they decided to keep the restaurant open during the winter for a couple of years, but didn't have the most successful results.

"We had a few guys from hydro, Bell, that sort of thing," she said, but added that in the end, keeping the place open May through Thanksgiving seemed to prove the most effective.

After the Barkers closed the Li'l Chick Inn, Ann got into catering and local politics and Don's heating and cooling business is still operational to this day.

The building is coming down due to what Ann said is unreparable water damage.

As she explained, when the couple bought the place, it was level with Highway 35. However, some road work by the province raised the road several feet to the height it is now.

Ann said lack of proper drainage has meant that for decades, water has been running downhill from the highway and into the structure.

"Unfortunately over the years, because of the water, it's caused us problems," she said. The damage is severe enough, she said, that rebuilding rather than renovating



The Li'l Chick Inn as it existed decades ago (bottom building). Closed in 1979, for years the building has been the home of Ann and Don Barker.

makes the most sense.

Even moving the historic building onto a new foundation wouldn't work, she said.

"They'd cut all the walls anyway."

A new foundation is now being dug beside what was once the Li'l Chick Inn and Ann hopes she and Don will be able to move into their new home in the spring.

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Pregnant mom gets a buck for two

Steve Galea
Haliburton Outdoors

Without a doubt, one of the best things to happen to hunting and fishing in the last few years is the influx of women to these pastimes. Women have quickly proven themselves to be capable and keen anglers and hunters, which should come as no surprise to anyone.

More importantly, they've infused these sports with a new perspective and much-needed participants, which is essential if hunting, especially, is to maintain relevance and acceptance in the modern world.

With this in mind, I was thrilled to hear from local hunter Nikki Latanville who recently bagged the buck of a lifetime with her crossbow near Carnarvon. Her 215-pound, non-typical buck has 16 scorable points and an impressive rack that was recently green-scored at 172 4/8. It was taken on the afternoon of Dec. 14 and is a shoo-in for the record books. In fact, it could conceivably rank among, or close to, the top 25 crossbow-taken deer in Ontario of all time.

Latanville, who has taken deer with rifle, shotgun and bow is as keen as they come. So it's no surprise that she was toughing it out in the cold on the second-to-last day of our bow season when that monster buck came in. The first two arrows from her compound bow resulted in two misses – one at 20 and the other at 30 yards. The deer left shortly afterwards. Frustrated, she went home, and returned with her crossbow, hoping for another chance at any deer.

Remarkably, the 28-year-old had just returned and settled into her ground blind when the big buck visited again. This time, her aim was true.

It's an incredible story in its own right, but the most amazing part is that Latanville was eight-months pregnant at the time. How's that for dedication?

This, by the way, is why Latanville, who is normally a competent shot with a compound bow, missed when the deer first came in. Her "baby bump" got in the way of the string and



Nikki Latanville and her son Austin show off Latanville's record-worthy buck shot near Carnarvon while Latanville was eight-months pregnant. /Photo submitted

affected arrow flight.

What's even more amazing is that this isn't the first deer that she has taken while pregnant. While pregnant with her son Austin, Latanville took a doe.

She also remains quite humble and credits her husband Dallas and brother-in-law Kyle for all their assistance. Her advanced state of pregnancy limited her ability to help in dragging and dressing out the animal.

She also admits that up until she saw that deer on the

ground she was a bit envious of Dallas, who had taken a fine 10-pointer the week before.

She delivered her child a few days ago and she couldn't be happier about this and how the season went. I guess you could call them two blessed events.

Imagine that, the baby wasn't yet born and he already has an incredible hunting story...

We should all be so lucky.

Test the ice before you go out and be cautious

Steve Galea
Haliburton Outdoors

The ice fishing season is upon us and, once again, it's every angler's responsibility to proceed safely.

Recent frigid temperatures and relatively little snow cover have provided good ice-making conditions, but that doesn't mean that you should let your guard down.

Going through the ice can be fatal.

As always, test the ice as you go with a spud or drill to determine ice quality and thickness.

Four inches of good clear or blue ice is typically considered safe for a walking angler; eight inches for the snowmobiler.

This provides a margin of error in case thickness isn't consistent, which is often the case.

As always, honeycombed or white, soft ice should be avoided.

The regular cautions still apply: stay away from ice that

has formed over flowing water, springs or pressure cracks; avoid beaver dams and lodges as well as river inlets and outlets too.

And remember that ice over deeper water takes a bit longer to develop early in the season.

Ice fishing is a fantastic winter activity and we're blessed with a multitude of lakes and opportunities.

Use common sense, err on the side of caution and enjoy the season.

Land trust maps ecologically important areas

Jenn Watt
Editor

Wetlands likely to house Blanding's turtles and forests with the prime conditions for Whip-poor-wills will be much easier to identify after all of the data compiled by two key land trust projects are fleshed out.

A wetland reconnaissance and community mobilization initiative along with a species at risk modeling update funded by Environment Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources respectively, have given the county's land trust some of the knowledge it needs to successfully protect the environment and species that make the Highlands special.

"Our mission for the land trust is to protect the natural heritage: the plants and the animals and the special natural features of Haliburton County for future generations," said Haliburton Highlands Land Trust chairperson Sheila Ziman. "When we started in 2004, we were keen to do that, but we had a little problem that we didn't have enough information on what those special areas and plants and animals that needed protection were. What were they and where were they? It all started there. What did we need to protect and where was it? We needed this data to inform our conservation efforts."

At the time, the information was sparse; there were only 75 documented sightings of species at risk.

"Both those projects asked for public input and now we have 350 reported sightings in our database. That's 350 that would be added to that 75," Ziman said.

The sightings have come largely from the public, who were asked to contact project biologist Paul Heaven with sightings of species at risk, such as the wood turtle or the chimney swift.

That information, once confirmed, has led the land trust – along with the government ministries that funded the projects – to create maps and models of where these species can be found.

That knowledge can help preserve the landscapes that foster those plants and animals.

"What I'm working on right now is habitat modeling



Blanding's turtles are one of the species at risk that live in Haliburton County.

– trying to figure out where these species are distributed throughout our landscape," said Heaven.

"With the wetland work we were trying to figure out what other wetlands were important in the county. Very little investigative wetland work has been done in the county to date.

It's overwhelming when we think we have about 20,000 wetlands and we haven't even begun to look at them to find out which ones are important."

Although the county has policies around preserving ecologically important land, there is no data to support those policies.

It is something the work of the HHLT will assist with.

During the past summer and into the fall, the HHLT partnered with The Land Between to run educational workshops about reptiles and birds at risk.

The workshops included information on how to identify different species, which Ziman credits for some of the sightings from the public.

"Last summer we offered reptiles at risk workshops – we had five throughout the county – and you could see the momentum building," she said.

The first workshop had seven participants.

"By the end of the summer we had 82 in Wilberforce. That was the last workshop," she said.

Both Heaven and Ziman were thrilled with how engaged the public was with work around local biodiversity and conserving sensitive species.

"The community response was fantastic. We got much more than we originally anticipated. The land trust is just thrilled with the community involvement and obvious snowballing effect," Ziman said.

The land trust is planning to continue its research into the county's ecologically important areas, now applying for another MNR grant.

They are also launching a second Species at Risk Journal at R.D. Lawrence Place on Feb. 19.

"We're going to have a journal launch and someone from Bird Studies Canada is going to do a couple of presentations for us because out of those eight species [at risk] that were newly listed – they're all found in Haliburton – seven of them are birds," Ziman said.

More information on the launch event will appear in the *Minden Times* closer to the date.



Singing at the Green

Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher Diane Hagerman led students and staff in a carol-singing at Minden's Village Green on Dec. 22. After the singing, the school made a \$1,150 donation to the Minden Food Bank.

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Charles Lamb

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points of view

Top 10

HATE top-10 lists? Me too. However, things around here have been pretty slow lately due to some sort of holiday, so this week, dear readers, I'm going to recap what were, in my opinion, the 10 biggest stories for the western half of Haliburton County in 2010, barring of course something earth-shattering happening in the next two days.

So, here we go.

10. Bigwin relaunched

To much fanfare, the steamer that once shuttled people from Dorset to the Bigwin Inn was placed back in the waters of Lake of Bays in July after years of fundraising work by the Lake of Bays Marine and Navigational Museum.

9. RTO controversy

For months, it seemed that Algonquin Highlands, under the province's new Regional Tourism Organizations, would be separated from the rest of the county and grouped with the District of Muskoka, much to the chagrin of area business owners and politicians. The province was eventually convinced to leave the county as one unit.

8. County loses Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding

The year began with the news that over the next two years, the county would lose \$2.4 million in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. Councillors passed a 10-per-cent tax hike for 2010.

7. Algonquin Highlands pays the Middleton family

In March, the Ontario Municipal Board ordered the township to pay the Middletons more than \$760,000 to compensate for the inadequate amount the family had been given when the township expropriated their property for the Stanhope Airport



Chad Ingram
Reporter

expansion project, and also for injurious affection, interest and legal, planning and professional fees.

6. Frost Centre Institute closes

In April, the province pulled the plug on the Frost Centre Institute after the environmental school was unable to pay its rent. The Frost Centre goes back to sitting vacant.

5. HHHS smoking ban

This fall, Haliburton Highlands Health Services passed a complete smoking ban on its properties to be effective in 2012. Many laud it as a triumph, while some directors express concern about where long-term and palliative patients will go to smoke.

4. Assessment agency seeks public input

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency agrees with many outraged taxpayers in Algonquin Highlands that there has not been a chance for proper public input on the Stanhope Airport expansion project and reopens submissions. This process takes months and is one of the defining moments of what will prove to be the termination of the expansion project.

3. County to build new EMS base

The county purchases the old Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden and begins the process of constructing a new EMS base that should improve response times.

2. Vision 2010 Team

All four members of Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid's slate campaign are elected in the October election, with Reid ousting longtime politician Jim McMahon.

1. Five women on county council

For the first time ever, women outnumber men on the upper tier council.

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Kim Wurk

Not even Easter Bunny's chocolate could lure the groundhog out for New Year's.

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Webbed feat

IF I'VE LEARNED ANYTHING over the years it is that extreme people will do strange things and then blame it on art.

Take, for instance, Professor Wafaa Bilal, an Arabic artist, who decided to have a webcam surgically implanted in the back of his head. This procedure, which he characterized as extremely painful, is allowing him to document the world around him – actually behind him – for the next 365 days.

If you are like me, you are probably thinking that this is a bit extreme. Why not just wear a helmet cam like everyone else? Well, because a helmet camera is odd-looking and obtrusive and people act differently around a person wearing one, that's why.

All right, so he never thought this through....

In any case, I can see the artistic value in this. But it also makes me worry just

a bit about where humanity is headed. You see, Bilal, with his implanted webcam and the portable computer that he carries to transmit his footage live to the rest of the world, is calling himself the world's first cyborg – a man/robot.

As someone who has seen, *Terminator: Rise of the Machines*, I'm just not ready for this.

I mean, here I am still stuffed to the gills with Christmas turkey, ham, breaded mushrooms and all the fixings and a cyborg has already started to rise up against humanity – in this case, by providing us with graphic images of people behind him pointing to the back of his head, mumbling and waving awkwardly. Oh, and don't think there won't be nose picking too.

If popular science fiction is to be believed, things will get far worse in no time flat. The guy has to go to the washroom at some point, right?

OK, the good professor is an artist and he probably means no harm. All he wants to do is show us the world as it is – because, of course, there's no better way of seeing the true world than from a computer screen image taken from a camera implanted in the back of a man's head.

But, you know, eventually, someone is going to get hold of this idea and use it for truly evil purposes. That's right – if this becomes a trend soon we'll all be subjected to the home movies and video travelogues of other people just like him – with audio, no less. Next thing you know, we're



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

back to an era that mimics family slide-show night. Oh, the inhumanity!

I believe it will only take a couple of hundred camera-implanted people just like the professor before the Internet would decide to shut down voluntarily – and perhaps never open up again.

In the meantime, if you see a man walking around with a webcam implanted in the back of his head, don't just stand there and be boring – that's what he wants. Instead, break out in show tunes.

This could make the difference between the rise of the cyborgs and their demise. At the very least, it could convince future cyborgs that they should remove all implanted cameras and never look back.

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Imagining June

EACH FALL Nature pulls a folded white blanket out of some imaginary closet, shakes it out and lets it float down to cover the landscape for as far as we can see.

And when it settles down, smoothing out all the rough spots on Sapsucker Ridge, it is impossible to imagine that the green days of June ever existed, or that they will ever come back again.

For a newcomer from the tropics, for whom winter has been only a picture in some book, that first blanketing must seem like some kind of frightening miracle.

For the rest of us, a casual acceptance of winter's arrival is almost an act of faith. Season after season marches past us and we assume it will always be so.

If there is a winter, spring will surely follow. White dissolves to mud, mud is overrun by green, green darkens and yields to brown, and then it is white again.

There is more to the change than whites and greens and browns. One day The Brown Dog Jiggs can walk across water that six months ago rang with frog song and he doesn't seem surprised.

Daylight shrinks to last Tuesday's minimum, then swells and shrinks again, like a great annual tide ebb-

ing and flowing across our lifetimes. And, most of the time, we take it all for granted.

Oh, we notice when white plugs our roads, when migrant ducks make a stopover on Nine-Acre Pond, when coltsfoots yellow the verges of our woods road, when barred owls bark their lovesongs.

But these tiny incidents are but flotsam in the great waves that keep washing over Sapsucker Ridge, have washed across Sapsucker Ridge since time before memory.

Some December days, when winter has fully enveloped us, I stop on a morning walk with The Brown Dog, and try to imagine my little world all dressed up for June.

Looking down the south slope of my central ridge into a little valley, the scene before us might be a black-and-white leftover from some ancient newsreel – black trees black against white snow and perfect silence.

In six months that same picture will be dappled with all the colours of the floral rainbow set against a green canvas and December will seem an

improbable memory.

Now, if I squint hard and concentrate, I begin to see June's possibilities hidden beneath the white, begin to see my world below me as it once was and will be again.

And then a raven gurgles and burbles to break the spell and I am back in stark December. Snow is a blotter that soaks up our memories of summer's details.

On a sunny afternoon, blue shadows creep across the white. A morning's walk is punctuated with hints of the life that still lingers in that black-and-white world.

A dozen chickadees chatter at the bird feeder outside my bedroom window. New tracks of hare and deer and partridge cross the woods road. A piledated woodpecker hammers on a dead beech and then swoops off with a cackle.

Nocturnal passersby leave fresh scent on the brambles. The Brown Dog stops to check his mail, then slips off the trail into the underbrush for some privacy.

Most mornings, we set out south and then west on the road to the sugarshack, where the road ends, climb

the ridge into my sugarbush, down into the little valley, east to my neighbour's road, and home again, perhaps a mile in all.

Now that the ponds are frozen over, Jiggs cuts a diagonal across them, falls behind while he explores and analyzes overnight's developments on Otter Bay, and only catches up to me far ahead in the valley.

He grins up at me, wags his tail, wriggles with happiness, brushes his head against my pantleg to tell me he still likes me.

On the road home, I flip little fluffs of fresh snow at him and he dances a dance of friendship, leaps and swirls and runs a mad race around the next curve and then sits down and waits for me, tongue lolling.

Dogs live only in the moment, as we should. I know that spring will peel back winter's white; Jiggs knows only that there is now.

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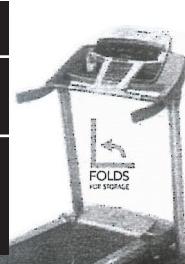
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Ten-digit dialing begins Jan. 15

Beginning Jan. 15, 2011, residents of the region served by the 705 area code in Ontario will be required to dial 10 digits – the area code followed by the seven-digit phone number – for all local calls. The introduction of 10-digit dialing in the area is the result of a decision by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and will pave the way for the addition of a new area code, 249, in March 2011, as the 705 area code reaches capacity.

From now until the introduction of 10-digit dialing, the Telecommunications Alliance, a group of Ontario's major telecommunications companies, will lead an information campaign that includes advertising, information for business and consumer associations and a website (www.dial10.ca) where useful information can be found.

"Ten-digit dialing affects all residents and businesses in

the region served by area code 705. It is important that everyone takes the time to reprogram their systems and communications equipment prior to Jan. 15, 2011, in order to avoid any inconveniences caused by the changes," stated Glenn Pilley, spokesperson for the Canadian Numbering Administrator. As of Jan. 15, 2011, local calls dialed with only seven digits will be interrupted by a recorded announcement before being connected. The announcement may disrupt data transmission so it is important to make the necessary changes in advance.

How to get ready

All consumers and businesses must add the area code to pre-programmed numbers in all of their telecommunications devices (e.g. autodialers, fax machines and computers). They must also contact their alarm company to ensure that their alarms and security systems are already repro-

grammed for 10-digit dialing.

New area code starting in March 2011

A new area code, 249, will be added in the 705 region using the overlay method. This new area code will coexist with the current 705 area code and will cover the same geographic area. Customers with area code 705 numbers will retain their numbers. Numbers in the new 249 area code will only be assigned to customers for additional services on an as-needed basis. Introducing a new area code does not affect local calling areas in any way.

The Telecommunications Alliance, whose members include Bell, Rogers and TELUS, was formed to spearhead this public awareness initiative. Interested parties can find detailed information on how to get prepared for local 10-digit dialing at www.dial10.ca.

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The Township of Minden Hills is hosting Shiny Programs at the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena located at 55 Parkside Street in Minden. The Shiny Programs are: Mon. Dec. 27 through to Thurs. Dec. 30 and Mon. Jan 3 through to Thurs. Jan. 6th 1:00-2:00pm ages up to and including 11 2:00-3:00pm ages 12 & up Full equipment is required and the cost is \$2.00/per child/per day

Minden New Years Fun Party

5:30-8:30pm
 Minden Arena
 Indoor/Outdoor Holiday Skate
 Wagon Rides
 Toboggan Hill
 Torch Walk leaves Village Green at 7:30pm Christmas Tree Bonfire
 8pm Bring non-perishable food for the food bank Please drop off your Christmas trees by the Scout Hall. No decorations please!

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 Dec 31st Minden Kin Club
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 Jan 2nd Tim Hortons
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 Jan 5th Rotary Club of Minden

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 pm - Zumba
Minden Community Centre - \$5.00

Meetings and Events

December 26th - 30th	11 am - 1 pm – Free Public Skating
Dec 27 – 31st	Admin Office CLOSED
January 1st	Arena Closed - Happy Holidays
January 3rd	Admin Office OPEN
January 13th	9am Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for the upcoming term of Council, effective January 2011 through November 2014, wishing to sit on any of the advisory boards/committees listed below:

Finance Committee
 Roads Committee
 Economic Development Committee
 Youth Committee
 Parks & Recreation Committee (includes Community Facilities in Irondale, Gelert & Lochlin)
 Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee
 Community Engagement Committee
 Minden Hills Library Committee
 Cemetery Board
 Events Committee
 Committee of Adjustment
 Solid Waste Management Committee
 Protective Services Committee
 Planning & Development Committee

We would ask that you provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest and application form on or before January 4th, 2011 at our office – 2nd floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

For further information on these committees (purpose, etc.) please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca and go to the tab "Clerk" or "Public Notices".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate

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NOTICE

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office will be closed from and including Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. for the Christmas holidays.

Anyone requiring immediate assistance for a "Township Related" emergency should call the after hours number 1-866-856-3247. For all other emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

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Our Hockey Competition

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February 15th 2pm – 4pm: Preliminary Play: Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce Arenas

February 16th 8am – 4pm: Preliminary Play: Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce Arenas

February 17th 8am – 4pm: Medal Rounds: Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce Arenas

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Food for fines

Marg Graham, left, and Diane Peacock of the Minden Hills Public Library stand with the large box of non-perishable food items that were collected during the library's Food for Fines campaign last week. People with library fines were able to bring in food to have their fines lifted. The food went to the local food bank.

Chad Ingram Times staff

Deer numbers down, but that's OK

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It appears deer numbers in the area are down, but a biologist with the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources office says it's not a problem.

"I believe deer numbers are down from what they were earlier in this decade, but it was our management goal to reduce numbers," said Gerry Moraal, adding this has been accomplished partially through creating more generous rules for hunters, such as increasing antlerless tags and having additional seals available for a two-year period.

Also, he said the severity of the last couple of winters could have contributed to a decrease in the deer population.

This hunting season was a bit slower due to what seems to be a reduced population.

"Harvests are still down from last year, but not as much as previously indicated," Moraal said, adding the drop for this area was about 15 per cent.

The key for the MNR now is maintaining the current population.

"I believe there are plenty of deer still on the landscape to sustain our populations," Moraal said, but added that deer feeding can be a complicating factor.

The MNR is asking residents again this year to refrain from feeding deer.

"We just really don't recommend it at all," Moraal said.

While he understands that during winter months, people take pity on deer and think that by feeding them they are helping the creatures, in reality, he said, such behaviour actually harms the animals.

"It can cause digestive problems," he said, explaining that if a deer's system becomes reliant on artificial feed, it can actually increase the animal's metabolism, meaning it needs even more food.

There are plenty of other negative effects as well.

Feeding concentrates large numbers of deer in a small area, which means the habitat can't support them and can ultimately lead to reproductive problems and higher mortality rates.

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During the winter months, people take pity on deer and think that by feeding them they are helping the creatures. In reality, such behaviour actually harms the animals.

Having a group of deer in a yard will also attract predators such as coyotes and deer-vehicle collisions can increase as deer veer from their regular paths to get at feeding sources.

Disease also spreads quicker among deer who are collected in a small area and the stress resulting from the cessation of winter feeding can also kill the animals.

For more information visit ontario.ca/wildlife.

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Kendra Kellett, Membership Services, P.O. Box 147,

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For nomination criteria and forms are available at www.haliburtonchamber.com



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COMPUTERS

Introduction to Computers - Part One

COURSE CODE: COMP169
DATE: Saturday, April 2, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$53.82

Introduction to Computers - Part Two

COURSE CODE: COMP170
DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
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Introduction to Computers - Part Three

COURSE CODE: COMP171
DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$53.82

Microsoft Word

COURSE CODE: COMP174
DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$53.82

Browsing the Internet

COURSE CODE: COMP172
DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$53.82

E-mail Workshop

COURSE CODE: COMP160
DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$53.82

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing

COURSE CODE: ARTS817
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011
TIME: 8:30pm - 9:30pm
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre
FEE: \$140.00

Ballroom Dancing II

COURSE CODE: ARTS832
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011
TIME: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre
FEE: \$140.00

Ballroom Dancing III

COURSE CODE: ARTS833
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011
TIME: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre
FEE: \$140.00

Couples Salsa Dancing – Intermediate

COURSE CODE: ARTS1483
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011
TIME: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre
FEE: \$140.00

ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

General Legal Process 2006
COURSE CODE: CNST979
DATES: Mon - Fri, Jan 24 - 28, 2011
TIME: 8:30am - 5:00pm
FEE: \$632.70

House – 2006

COURSE CODE: CNST120
DATES: Mon - Fri, Feb 28 - Mar 4, 2011
TIME: 8:30am - 5:00pm
FEE: \$632.70

Part 8: On-site Sewage Systems

COURSE CODE: ENVR42
DATES: Mon - Fri, Feb 28 - Mar 4, 2011
TIME: 8:30am - 5:00pm
FEE: \$632.70

SAFETY-FIRST AID - CPR

CPR - Basic Rescuer (Level C)
COURSE CODE: HLTH575
DATES: Fri & Sat Mar 4 - 5, 2011
TIME: 8:30am - 4:30pm
FEE: \$70.40

First Aid - Standard

COURSE CODE: HLTH811
DATES: Fri & Sat Mar 4 - 5, 2011
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First Aid - Standard Recertification

COURSE CODE: HLTH822
DATES: Fri & Sat Mar 4 - 5, 2011
TIME: 8:30am - 4:30pm
FEE: \$70.40

Fall Arrest

COURSE CODE: CNST777
DATES: Saturday, April 2, 2011
TIME: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
FEE: \$85.68

WHMIS

COURSE CODE: HLTH525
DATES: Saturday, April 2, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm
FEE: \$54.45

LANGUAGE

Conversational French - Level 1
COURSE CODE: LANG30
DATES: Tues, Jan 25-Mar 29, 2011
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm
FEE: \$181.20

Conversational French - Level 2
COURSE CODE: LANG36
DATES: Thurs, Jan 27 - Mar 31, 2011
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm
FEE: \$181.20

Spanish - Level II

COURSE CODE: LANG44
DATES: Weds, Mar 9 - May 11, 2011
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
FEE: \$151.00

HOSPITALITY

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COURSE CODE: HOSP19
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WORKSHOPS

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DATES: Saturday, April 2, 2011
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$89.70

Wilderness Survival Skills Workshop

COURSE CODE: RECR102
DATES: Saturday, February 26, 2011
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm
FEE: \$123.91

GPS Map and Compass Skills

COURSE CODE: CART10
DATES: Saturday, March 5, 2011
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm
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DATES: Saturday, May 28, 2011
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm
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Minden resident Craig Birchall will be taking part in Princess Margaret Hospital's Ride to Conquer Cancer in the spring. He will ride his bike from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

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Birchall to bike to Niagara Falls in June

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A Minden man is trying to raise money for cancer research by riding his bicycle from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

In June, Craig Birchall will take part in The Ride to Conquer Cancer, a bike tour fundraiser whose proceeds go to the Campbell Family Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital.

"It's one of the top five cancer research facilities in the world," Birchall said excitedly last week, explaining that a group of friends encouraged him to get involved.

Birchall is relatively new to the cycling world, having mountain-biked for a couple years and participating in his first road race

just this year.

"This past summer my goal was to do the Minden 150," he said, which he did. "I found out about this ride that same weekend."

The spring ride will be a little more intense than the Minden 150, however, with Birchall covering approximately 320 kilometres in two days.

He is one of 4,000 riders who have registered for the Toronto event. There are others in other cities in Ontario, Quebec, B.C. and Alberta.

Birchall, who ran for councillor of Ward 2 in the recent Minden Hills election, said a recent birthday was a revelation for him, an epiphany where he decided he wanted to do more with himself.

"I turned 50 this year and I said, 'I want to do something with my life,'" he said. "What if in the course of my life, I can save one person's?"

Like many, Birchall has had cancer touch people in his life.

"A very good friend just discovered this year that she has it and it's throughout her body," he said. "I think it's very prevalent."

Both his mother and mother-in-law have had brushes with breast cancers and undergone surgical procedures. As a result, Birchall has chosen to have the money he raises for his ride to go specifically towards breast cancer research.

Birchall must raise a minimum of \$2,500 to take part in the event on June 11 and 12 and is hoping area residents will help him out.

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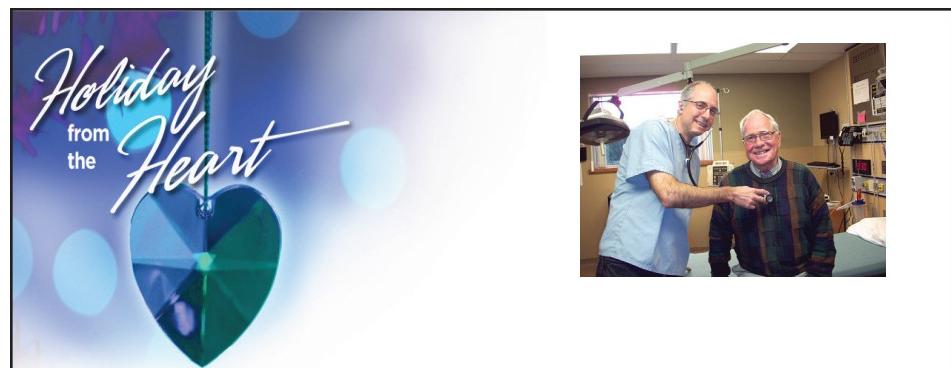
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Banner assembly at ASES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students who had banners adorning Minden's street as part of the community's banner festival this year received them back during an assembly at the school on Dec. 23. The school will be taking part in the banner festival again in 2011.

Chad Ingram
Times staff



As of December 15th, we have raised
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Rotary Club helps give Christmas baskets

The Minden Rotary Club presented Ron Reid, organizer of the annual Minden Christmas basket campaign, with a cheque last week to help out with this year's drive. Pictured from left are Jim Wilson, Bill Obee, Rick Ratcliff, Reid, Karen Guyatt and Glen Bonham. Dozens of people were lined up outside the Minden Hills Community Centre for first dibs at the baskets last week. **Chad Ingram Times staff**



Boxes packed with food lined the tables of the community centre.

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Entrepreneurial Competition
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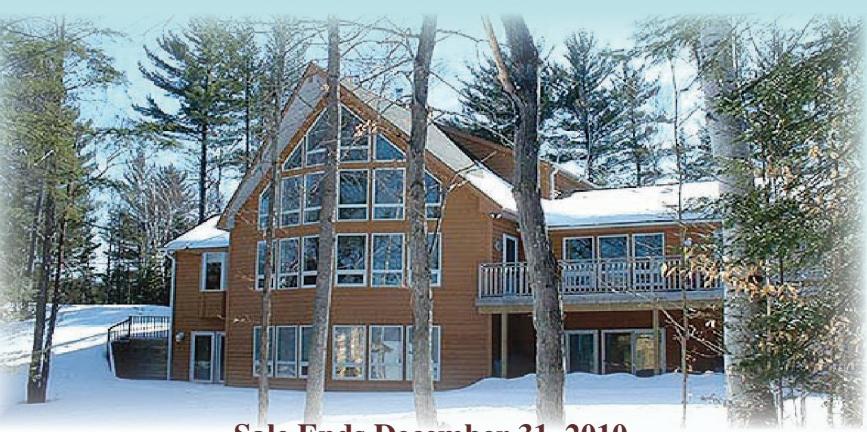
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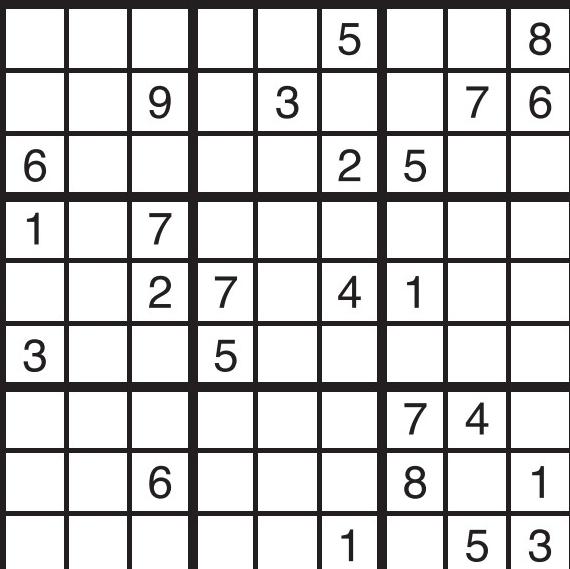
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3	Eleanor Lymer	620
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5	Scott LaRue	594.25
6	Ronald Sedley	579
7	Jeff Barry	575.25
8	Andrew McGill	563.5
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40	Audrey Sedley	452.5
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Santa!
Archie Stouffer Elementary School kindergarten student Destiny Brown had a face-to-face encounter with Santa Claus at the Minden Hills Public Library last week. /Photo by Chad Ingram

Red Hawks are American Cup champions

The following HHSS sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Dec. 17 to 19

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team came away from a tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. as the American Cup champions after defeating teams from Quebec, Delaware, Lakefield College, and Brandon, Man. on their way to the gold medal.

The junior boys' basketball team played a solid game against Gravenhurst, showing poise and confidence in the offensive end and playing a tenacious defence as HHSS won by a 38-25 score.

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Gravenhurst, where they trounced the Griffins by a 57-30 score. Damon Flatman and Jesse Lefebvre notched 14 points apiece, Chris Allison had 12 points and Luke Watson had eight points.

Dec. 20

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Lindsay where they competed against Fenelon, Weldon, LCVI and St. Thomas Aquinas. The girls played hard and managed to split a set with Fenelon and St. Thomas.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team played their second game of the week, defeating Lakefield by a score of 9-0 after battling Fenelon Falls to a 5-3 score earlier in the week. The two wins place the Hawks in first place in the Kawartha standings, with a 6 and 0 record.

The junior girls' volleyball team travelled to Fenelon Falls for a five-game tournament where an awesome performance led to victories against St. Thomas and AAA I.E. Weldon.

The snowboarding team took part in timed trials where the top three girls were Holly Wu, Jessica Bishop and Kayla Gardiner. Top three boys were Greg Foster, Kevin Brand, and Mackenzie Robinson.

The Lady Hawks "hawkey" team played an exhibition game against Gravenhurst where they dominated play and emerged with an uncontested win.

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The assembly turned into an all-out dance party at times.



Heather Wagenaar, right, Emma Gillam and other students in Mrs. Smallwood's 1A class performed a musical skit where Santa's elves got toys ready for Christmas Eve.

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Christmas comes to ASES

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Liam McAlister and other students in Mr. Hicks's Grade 4A class celebrated Christmas with a Mexican flare.

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Ring in the new year at the Legion



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Around the Town

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Christmas Day found us in Ajax with all four of the children plus their families. It was great. On Boxing Day we stopped off at the Stouffville Arena to watch our youngest grandchild Ben, now six years old, play hockey. Proudly wearing No. 7 – FLEURY on his green Stouffville Tim Bits jersey Ben skated like the wind having finally learned to stop without the added speed reducing twirl. Unlike the toy Weebles who “wobble but they don’t fall down” these determined little ones kept falling but always bounced back up on their blades occasionally with a helping hand from the on ice coach. The final score was 5-3 for the greens with two goals on Ben’s shift. For proud dad Graeme and grandpa Bruce it brought back many good memories.

What a great way to ring in the New Year with friends and neighbours. The Kinmount Legion Branch 441 will be hosting its annual New Year’s Eve dance this Friday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ Paul Wilson will provide the music and the tickets are only \$15 per person which includes a hot/cold buffet and party favours. For advance tickets call 705-488-2819 or the Branch at 705-488-3462. The following day plan to drop in at the Legion for the New Year Levy with Mary Lou Ferguson, Legion president, from 2 to 7 p.m. The levy is open to everyone both members and non-members.

Registration continues for the Kinmount Knights Minor Hockey with sign-up sheets available at Freshmart. Hockey

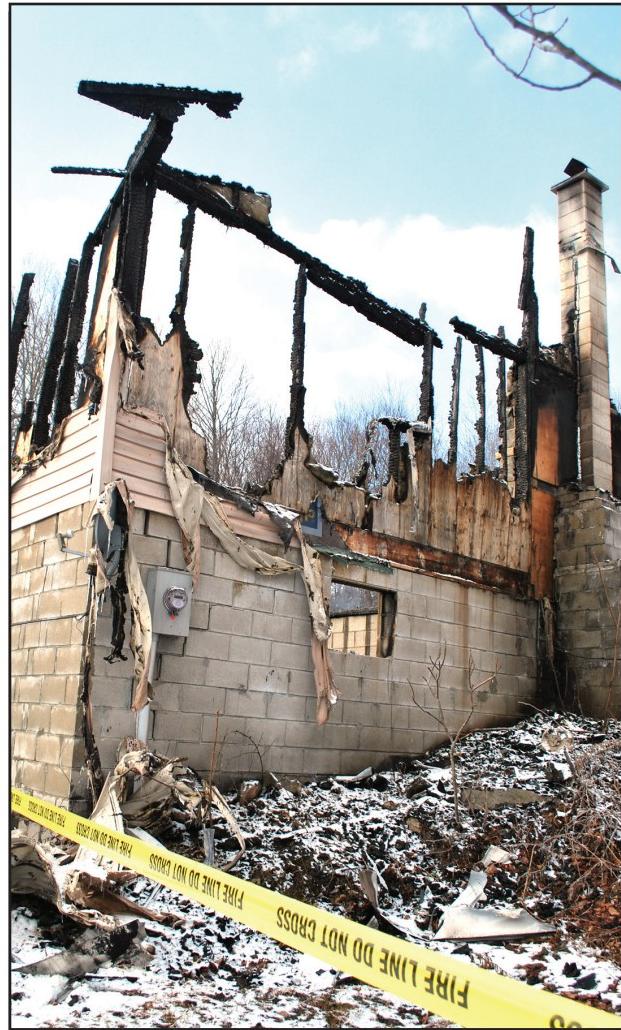
is scheduled every Sunday from 1 to 3 pm beginning this Sunday, Jan. 2 for as long as the ice holds out. The cost for the season is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the family. The wearing of helmets and neck guards is mandatory. There is a table of free hockey items at the Arena and donations of good used equipment can be dropped off there during hours of operation or by calling 705-488-2547. Watch for hockey updates on the web site kinmount.ca. Much appreciation is expressed to the volunteers who are busy flooding the natural ice and to the members of the Kinmount Agricultural Society who will be looking after the snack bar at the Arena this year. Without their dedication these programs would not be possible.

At the Kinmount Public Library please note that preschool Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. beginning Jan. 4. The book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library held on the third Saturday of each month will change its time to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in keeping with the revised schedule of open hours. The new craft creations program will be held at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month starting Jan. 18. Also mark those new calendars now to celebrate Family Literacy Day, a play based event, on Jan. 27 at the Library with sessions at 11:15 am [preschool] and at 5 pm. For more information on Branch activities do give librarian Mary Ann Dobsi a call at 488-3199.

The popular monthly Big Bucks Big Euchre comes up for the first time in 2011 on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 starting at 11 am. The cost of \$10 includes lunch. On Tuesday, Jan. 22 it's Lunch at the Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6.

This week Kinmount is relatively quiet with several regular events taking a holiday break however the list of ongoing activities is very impressive. For adults there is tai chi, yoga, meditation, fitness, a walking group, bingo and cards. The little ones can attend library programs and playschool while for the school-age girls there is weekly Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. If you receive the monthly issue of the *Kinmount Gazette* or check the website kinmount.ca contact information is listed. Please feel free to give me a call at 705-488-2938 if more direction is required.

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Driving in a winter wonderland begins with how you sit



Woman on Wheels
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Winter driving takes special care. Richard Spenard, who was inducted into the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2001 and is among the country's most successful drivers (and is no stranger to winter, having won the Quebec Ice Series championship), says the mistakes people make are simple, and quite simply avoided.

"We tend to drive with big, heavy coats and that limits movement. Also, people don't sit properly," Spenard says most people are too far away from the brake pedal and steering wheel, and don't use proper hand positions on the wheel.

"Ideally, your hands should be at three o'clock and nine o'clock, with a bend in the elbow." He says we should be in such a position that, in a panic stop, we shouldn't have any trouble pressing the brake pedal all the way to the floor without stretching our legs.

Spenard says perhaps the most important step we can take is just to "slow down tremendously." A highway entrance or exit we can take at 90 km/h an hour on a dry summer day may be too quickly taken at 25 km/h in foul weather.

"Slow sometimes means really, really slow," he says. "Pay attention to the movement of your car, the way the steering feels, the adhesion of the tires against the surface of the road."

These days, even with about 90 per cent of new cars having antilock brakes (ABS), Spenard says many people are ignorant of the proper way to use them.

"They're afraid of the vibration and the noise," he says. "It's ABS that allows you to brake firmly without pumping the brake, but they release pressure when they're trying to slow down because they're afraid of it. Brake as hard as you can — with ABS you can still steer because you're not locking up the wheels."

Ideally, though, Spenard says all of your braking should be done in a straight line, before you enter a corner. "Panic braking

with ABS shouldn't be a problem. Just keep it pointed straight and don't worry about the noise." If you're in a car that doesn't have ABS, you will lock up the wheels in a panic situation, so Spenard says to apply just enough pressure to stay below the locking threshold, then relieve the pressure a little. You can't direct the car if the wheels are locked, so you must be more careful without ABS.

ABS, though, can make for longer stopping distances, so he says one of the easiest things you can do is to leave more distance between yourself and the car in front, or a light or stop sign.

"Look through the car in front of you to see what's coming up, and stay off the phone," he says.

As for skidding, Spenard says prevention is the best cure.

"We're not on the race track. We can't afford to lose control even slightly. Slow down long before the corner, and if you're entering a highway, you are looking for trouble if you haven't slowed down in a straight line beforehand."

Once you've slowed down, maintain a constant speed through the corner, and don't start accelerating again until you've unwound the steering wheel and your wheels are pointed straight.

"If you come in (to the corner) too fast, the back end will go around. If you're in a corner and you accelerate with front-wheel drive, you spin the wheels, which has the same consequences as locking the wheels."

"What we should do is prevent, not recover. Don't be pressured (by the car behind you)."

Spenard is spreading the word on behalf of Michelin's Winter Driving Academy. Visit www.michelin.ca for more information and videos on winter driving.

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Leave lights up until Jan. 6



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Christmas is over and now we are of a mixed mind. Do we take the tree and decorations down now or after New Year's Day?

I think we are basically divided into two groups – those who have put up the decorations early and are dying to get their house in order and take them down now – these are the superstitious ones that don't want to bring in the New Year with the old.

Then there is the other version that Jesus was born on December 25th. and the Magi did not arrive in Bethlehem until Jan. 6.

Jan. 6. is the Epiphany, sometimes known as "Little Christmas" and this is the day that the Magi met the new-born king and pre-

sented him with his royal gifts.

So, as explained to children that taking the lights down before Jan. 6. the wise men may not find their way.

Here it is – the straight scoop! For years I took the decorations down and threw out the tree just after Christmas Day so as to not risk the possible bad luck then I followed the second recommendation and took everything down after Jan. 6.

News flash! It never made any difference! So carry on with whatever your plan may be and don't worry about it! We have other things to worry about.

At any rate, another year has bit the dust and with the best of intentions I will try and stay awake until midnight and I am not going to make any New Year's resolutions.

Happy New Year!

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Rick Johnson

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 - **December 19th & 26th : Allsaw Church Christmas Concert.** Starts at 7pm and refreshments served after.
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Visitation and Memorial Service

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On Tuesday afternoon, December 28, 2010 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Service at 2 o'clock in the Chapel. Interment St. Peters Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



Rita Zahab

On Tuesday, December 21st, 2010 Rita Zahab of Ottawa passed away suddenly at Haliburton hospital at the age of 78. She was predeceased by her husband Alfred Joseph Zahab and her parents Clarisse and Fred Lacasse. Rita was the beloved mother of Michael (Tara), Marc (Julie) of Toronto, Marie-Lee (David Zilstra) of Haliburton, Mélanie (Ismet Berisha) and Philippe. She was the proud and loving grandmother (sitou/grand-mère) to Matthew, Nicholas, Tau and Mia and dear sister to Bobby Lacasse (Winnie) of Victoria and the late Mary Lauzier (Elsie & family). She will be profoundly missed by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, whom she adored. We are grateful to the dedicated staff at Starwood for helping her recover her vitality, humour and effervescence so that she could devote herself to what she loved, baking, laughing, caring for and nurturing us all.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Rita's life will take place at Capital Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3700 Prince of Wales Ottawa, Ontario on Tuesday, December 28th. Visitation will be at 10 am, service at 11 am with a reception to follow. For those wishing, memorial donations may be made in memory of Rita to the Starwood Family Support Group in care of Extendicare Starwood, 114 Starwood Road, Nepean, Ontario K2G 3N5 or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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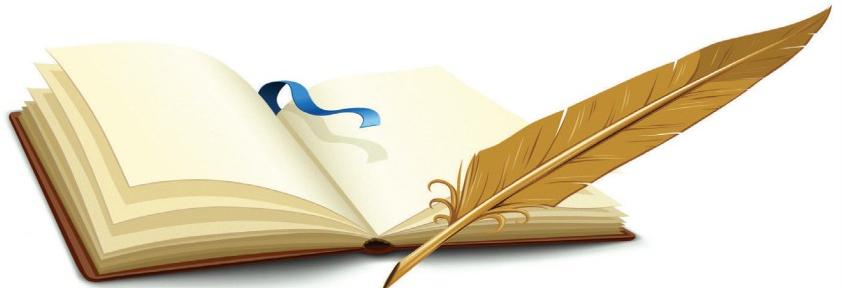
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